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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

(*From Bishop John Wright*)

To all teachers—kinsmen in spirit to the wisemen of old;

To all students—seekers after the truth the wise men found;

To all those for whom Christ came;

To all who will one day serve His little brothers and sisters;

To all who help prepare our teachers-to-be;

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF GRACE!

✣ John Wright
Bishop of Worcester

Glee Clubs

Radio Program Announced; Also Christmas Assembly Planned

On December 9th the Glee Clubs will travel to Cushing Veteran's Hospital at three P.M. to present a Christmas Carol program, including Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and Fred Waring's "Winter Wonderland". Many of the members of the club will sing solos.

Eileen Basiliere will be the accompanist.

On December 11th, the Glee Club will be heard on WORC from 6:30-7:00 p.m., and will conclude their Christmas activities with a Christmas program on December 14th at the school auditorium.

Soloists at both concerts will be:

Mary Celone, Grace Adjelian, Adele Nalepa, Jacqueline Lupien, Dorothy Baker, Virginia Harpell, Raymond Schedell, Richard Nuttall, Joseph Scannnell, Vincent Mara, Samuel DeFeo, William Monroe, and William Hebert.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Walter Donald Kring
Minister, First Unitarian Church, Worcester

Christmas, of all of the seasons of the year, should most remind us of the tremendous moral character of Jesus of Nazareth. I find it impossible to think of the Babe in the cradle without meditating about the mature Jesus. After all, if we had not known about the adult Jesus we should never be concerned about the fact that he was ever born.

I also feel very strongly that Christmas is a time to keep our perspective. Christianity has been so concerned with how Jesus got into the world and got out of the world that we have concentrated all too little on what he did and what he said while he was in the world. Our great direction of unity lies, in my estimation, not in the realm of theology whose conclusions no one can actually prove, but in the realm of Christian ethics. I also believe that the best ethical insights of Jesus are so universal in their application that they should be readily accepted by the rest of the world's religions for in many of them they are already implicit.

I find that on this day and during this season of the year my thoughts are continually lifting up to think and act upon a plane of living that Jesus of Nazareth revealed to us, so universal a plane of living that if we acted with sincerity and intelligence we could build a world fit for all men to live in.

President E. A. Sullivan Selected by State Atomic Energy Commission

President Eugene A. Sullivan of our college has been appointed by the State Atomic Energy Commission to train personnel in atomic bomb defense in the Worcester County Area. President Sullivan is one of the three men appointed for this work. Included in the project are Father Thomas Smith and Professor Andrew Van Hook, both of Holy Cross College.

Well known in educational circles, they received the latest material on Atomic Physics in conferences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

Each member appointed is to deliver two lectures, for the series of six, which are given at Holy Cross College.

We are proud that our president has received this honor.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM HIS HONOR, MAYOR HOLMSTROM

Worcester is blessed with eminent rank as a center for higher learning. Of the five college institutions located here, none is of more long-range importance to the well-being and future of the City than the Worcester State Teachers College.

As Mayor of the City, I am privileged to extend warm municipal greetings to the students and staff of our Teachers College at this season of Christendom's great Holy Day of the Nativity.

May you, this Christmas, all be enriched by the deep inspiration, the renewed hope and the spiritual strength that its thoughtful observance brings.

Andrew B. Holmstrom
Mayor, City of Worcester

Prominent Speaker At W.S.T.C.

On November 15th, our auditorium took on great geographic dimensions and sported an air of the cosmopolitan, as Miss Eunice Avery spoke to the college assembly on "Iran and the Near East."

Miss Avery very spiritedly commented on the international viewpoint and related more than one experience with a neatly fashioned anecdote, which left the assembly laughing.

In the brief time allotted to the global issues at hand, Miss Avery stressed the startling point, that other peoples did not want to be like Americans, that they looked forward to our conveniences, but that they were not favorable primarily in their political attitude toward us.

I believe that Miss Avery tried to rouse us, as prospective teachers, to the broadened view, that as teachers, we should teach a closer unification of mankind, not just economically, but spiritually; that illiteracy, although it seems shocking, should not be looked down upon; also that these peoples want to like us, and that we should strive to consider them not specifically from the economics of their region, but from the human viewpoint.

SOPHOMORES HONOR PAULINE PETERS AND CLINTON BOUTWELL

Thursday, November 29th, the Sophomore Class held an informal party in honor of Pauline Peters, who is planning to enter the order of the Sisters of Mercy in January; and of Clinton Boutwell who surprised us all by getting married

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI JOSEPH KLEIN

This year the Christmas Festival and the Jewish Feast of Chanukah happen to coincide. Both are festivals which are observed in the spirit of joy and gladness. In each, the chief symbol is light . . . Christmas with its many colored lights which decorate the tree, and Chanukah with its eight branched candelabra which is kindled on each night of the eight days in which the Feast is observed. The basic underlying ideas which brought these two festivals into being may differ, but the symbol of light is common to both. This year in particular the two festivals are welcome, if only because this is a period of darkness and gloom in world affairs. At a time when nations are amassing men in arms in preparation for a gigantic global war, we need light more than ever before . . . light to understand that violence and warfare can never solve any of the problems on an international scale that now confront us . . . light to enable us to recognise our fellow men living in other nations as our brothers and friends rather than as enemies and destroyers.

This period effects the lives of our young people of college age more than any other group, for it is they who are being called upon to assume the major burden in the impending struggle. May this season of light give to them the kind of vision which will enable them to recognise that only through confidence and trust in our fellow men, through dedication to the ideals of justice and righteousness for all peoples, and the implementation of those ideals, can be world emerge out of the darkness and into the noonday sun, for "where there is no vision, the people perish."

Newman Club Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 4th, the Newman Club held the annual Christmas party in the college cafeteria. The committees which made the party such a success were headed by the following chairmen: Barbara Bucca, general chairman; Nancy Jones, decorations; Elinor Burns, refreshments; and Claire Abrazinski, entertainment. The entertainment centered around a little play entitled, "A Plot to Kidnap Santa". Members of the cast were Jack Loughnane, Evelyn Ferrandino, Rosemary Burns, Eleanor Bentley, Bob Beauregard, Dorothy Doon, Claire Abrazinski, and Eileen Cullinane. Dancing followed the play, and refreshments were served.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PRES. SULLIVAN

Cicero, the ancient Roman lawyer and writer, described immortality as existence on the lips of posterity. This idea of immortality connotes that worth or value is always remembered by mankind. Meditating on this definition we realize that the spirit of Christmas has existed in the minds and hearts of man for almost 2,000 years and, without a doubt, will continue to exist as long as mankind survives.

This spirit of Christmas is an intimate yet intrinsic quality. We cherish it in our hearts, yet, publicly, we rejoice and proclaim its attributes. We hold sacred its spirituality, and yet it moves us to perform the corporal works of mercy. It points out to us the right path of living.

May we subscribe to the words of Dickens: "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year—I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time."

Mrs. Sullivan and I extend our warmest personal wishes to all members of the Worcester State Teachers College for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

President of Debating Society To Make Address

Richard L. Clifford, president of STC Debating Society, will deliver an address on foreign policy to an inter-collegiate meeting of the Newman Club at the Newman Club hour on Tuesday evening, December 11th. His topic will be: The United States Foreign Policy in Japan.

Eleanor Bentley, Bob Beauregard, Dorothy Doon, Claire Abrazinski, and Eileen Cullinane. Dancing followed the play, and refreshments were served.

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Are You An All-Around W.S.T.C. Collegian?

Do You Help Support the Activities?

If you consider yourself an all around W.S.T.C. collegian, you will receive 100% in the following quiz. If you receive less than 50% in the quiz, you are doing yourself a grave injustice, both socially and scholastically.

Yes No

1. Did you participate in your individual class day antics?
2. Did you attend the Student Council's All-College Dance?
3. Did you help make the Newman Bridge, proceeds of which went to the Newman Club Scholarship, a success?
4. Did you help support the Men's A.A. Dance?
5. Did you attend the variety show of the Senior Class, "Senioralities?"
6. Did you help the Juniors finance their yearbook by purchasing a ticket to the Junior Prom?
7. Did you attend the Dramatic Club's play, "Father of the Bride?"
8. Did you appreciate the Club's singing of your favorite Christmas carols?
9. Did you attend at least two basketball games?
10. Did you attend at least one debate?

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Under the careful guidance of Miss McKelligett the college has been decorated in the Christmas spirit. A beautifully decorated tree in the rotunda greets us as we ascend the stairs. In the entry of the assembly hall is a simply made creche. Mountain laurel wreaths, made by the committee, are trimmed with spruce, cones, and berry centerpieces.

W.S.T.C. As Leader of City Debates This Year

The inter-city debating program is well on the way with State Teachers College assuming the chairmanship for this current school year.

The Debating club has participated in three debates this year and plans are in the making for additional ones in the near future.

The first debate took place on November 13th at this college. Richard Clifford and Eileen Gould upheld the affirmative for State Teachers College. Father James Murphy of Holy Cross and the Misses Gertrude Shea and Kathleen Burns from the faculty of North High School were the judges, awarding the decision to Holy Cross College.

The last debate on November 29th was part of a series of novice debates, designed for those who have had no previous experience in college debating. Carol Hoey and Patricia Sullivan represented the affirmative for State Teachers College. Mr. Fahey and Mr. Carter were the negative team from Holy Cross. A critique was given, rather than a decision. Our team was judged to have presented its arguments clearly and firmly, with a pleasing manner of presentation maintained by both speakers.

The Debating Society will start its out of city debating schedule after the Christmas recess, including the various colleges in this vicinity.

In Memoriam

ELIZABETH H. SHEA

Principal of the May Street School

Our Loss and Heaven's Gain

Vienna Show at Museum of Fine

BY DOUGLAS WEEKS

As extra-curricular activity the Cultural and Political History class took a field trip November 8th to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

The Vienna Show is the State of Austria collection of Renaissance masterpieces, collected by the Hapsburg family. The Hapsburgs rose to power about four centuries ago. From that time until 1918 their influence extended, and permeated Europe from Spain to the Netherlands. As a result of their power and tremendous wealth, the collection which adorned their courts is second to none. Later, during the World War II, the majority of the collection was seized by the Nazis and hidden by them in the salt mines. When the Allied Powers pressed into Germany, the American Armies restored the works of art to the Austrian government, who, in gratitude, lent the collection to the United States, where it has been on tour for two years.

The sizable collection consists of more than a hundred and twenty-five paintings, jewel encrusted vases, goblets, various ornamental dishes, armor, swords, rapiers, and pistols besides the forty tapestries which covered the huge walls of the Hapsburg courts.

As an example of armor, that of Maximilian II is one of the most striking. The suit is made of bluish-black steel, inlaid, and decorated by gold borders. The group learned that there were two main classes of armor: parade and battle armor.

To many of us the numerous paintings were the high mark of the show. Only a bare indication due to limited space can be given of their diverse nature. Rubens was represented by such works as the allegorical *Four Continents,* the voluptuous *Feast of Venus,* and the famous *Self Portrait.* Titian's *Tarquin and Lucretia* and *Pope Paul III* were in a hall shared with works by Tiepolo. A great number of the Hapsburg contemporaries were represented, such as Charles V of France, Queen Anne and Queen Elizabeth of Spain, Charles IX of France, and the Infanta series of Spain by Velasquez. A large section of religious works especially by the Neapolitan masters: Strozzi, Reni, Feti, Crespi, Rosa, showed such scenes as the *Last Supper, Young Christ Among the Churchmen, Salome,* and *John the Baptist Explaining His Mission.*

In a separate hall were the delightful miniatures of Pieter Breughel, the Elder. In dextrous management of egg tempera he showed such local scenes as *Visit to a Farmhouse,* the *Road to Market, Village Street,* and imaginary scenes as the allegory, the *Gifts of Earth and Water,* and the *Adoration of the Magi.* These paintings were no larger than eleven by seven and a half inches, consequently the exacting details demanded infinite foresight and care.

In the Dutch school the world-famous works: Vermeer the *Artist in His Studio;* Rembrandt, *Self Portrait;* Pieter de Hooch, *Family of Dutch Burghers;* besides the amusing work by Steen, the *World Upside Down* showing the pranks, whims, and fancies of a typical Dutch household and portrait works by Van Dyck.

The Benevenuto Cellini Saltcellar drew many comments of praise, disdain, and humor. It seemed impossible that such a reality as this gold sculpture should be reposing on its velvet stand before us.

Even though the scope of the show was tremendous a number of very distinct impressions were left with us, namely: (1) Extensive nature and high artistic uniformity which the collectors had maintained. (2) A concise glimpse into the aristocracy of European court life. (3) The lines of thought of the old world so distinct in sharp comparison with our own age. (4) The sheer magnificance of the art; the superlative technique, rich colorings from hand prepared paint pigment, perfection of form, perfection of relationships, careful planning and thought tied in with the conception behind each picture, overwhelming size and complexity of the tapestries, and last but by no means least the enormous wealth and power or the Hapsburg patrons.

Chanukah - 1951

BY GERALD SANDLER

With a deep religious feeling we approach a sanctified time of year. To the Christian world it is the spirit of Christmas with its festivity, brotherhood and most of all—the Nativity. To the world of Judaism, Chanukah is significant for its spiritual enlightening miracle.

Thousands of years past when enemies destroyed the Temple of Jerusalem, the Jews were forced to re-build the temple. With no oil obtainable for the temple lights, the elders were in despair. Yet a small vial of oil was found, containing enough for just one day's time. But the light burned in this temple not just one day, but eight.

Henceforth, Jews have celebrated this wondrous occasion and have held it high down through trial and tribulation. This year it will fall in chronological as well as spiritual harmony with Christmas. For the first time in many years, two holidays of two religious groups will be bound together in the miraculous wonder of God.

Truly it is a time for brotherhood, goodliness, and Godliness.

Christmas

I dream of Christmas, my light of cheer,
Through misty visions spun with gold.
I yearn for the slow and steady pace
Of its Eve, that I've seen many fold.
I can see hesitant wonder on every face,
And hopeful steady light
From eyes which ever long for Christmas
On a lacy frock of white,
Dressed with earrings that sparkle and shine
With bracelets of icicles, fragile and quick;
And for Mr. Christmas, friendly and brisk
Who surveys all with his moonbeam stick.
I dream of the children—so young, so happy,
I know of their Christmas desires;
I see faithful families
Immemorial in the warmth of countless fires.
The world shines as one tonight
As the twinkle of a curious child
Who designs to see what Santa has brought;
And the miss who blushes, mistletoe beguiled.
I see it all. Soon somewhere unknown to man,
From out of life's oblivion, a distant chime
Will proclaim a heavenly gift to man
And again Godliness is reaffirmed in time.

G. S.

The Little One

BY LOUISE AGURKIS

The little one and his master dear
Stood by the garden gate.
The lad could not hold back his tears
"To part with you I hate.
At the market place, they laughed at you,
They said you were no good.
If they knew you were so kind and true,
They would not be so crude.
Oh, Little One, who's coming near
With kindness in his eyes?
You want to buy my donkey here?
My, this is a surprise!
For he's so small and trots so slow,
You're sure he's what you need?"
"He's strong but gentle, that I know.
For my wife and child I plead,
Sell the donkey, we need him so
For our long trip ahead.
From us he'll never feel a blow,
And daily he'll be fed."
"Yes, take him, sir. What is your name?
Joseph? and your wife?"
"Mary it is, and my child to fame
Will rise during his life."
"Yes, take him, sir. You are so good,
Take him before I cry.
I know you'll treat him as you should.
Goodbye, Little One, Goodbye!!"

Left to right—Misses Helene W. Browne, Mary C. Mahan, Joan T. Barry.

Junior Prom

By Dolores Lord

Congratulations are in order for the many Juniors who worked hard to make the Junior Prom. the success that it was. Vincent Worden, George Griffin, Michael Pagano, and Bob Spayne deserve to be thanked for their coöperation and their untiring efforts to make this first Junior Social of the year outstanding in every way.

The gym was transformed from a sportslike atmosphere to one of fantasy. The picturesque crowning of the queen, Mary Mahan, with her attendants Helene Browne and Joan Barry, was one of the highlights of the evening. Congratulations to those three charming and lucky Juniors.

Also our Thank You goes to the chaperones, Miss Kendrick, Miss Smith, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Jones. Their presence gave our dance that added element which makes S.T.C Proms very special.

Of course a Prom. wouldn't be a Prom. without a few oddities! Ask Adrena how the coffee for the chaperones happened to boil over. I'm sure she'd be glad to explain. Ask Russ Cole why he decided to play a Holy Cross Song in the middle of the S.T.C. Prom. Perhaps he'd be willing to explain also.

Everyone who went to this Prom. will agree that it could not have been better. The Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors offer their congratulations to the Junior Class for providing us with an all-round wonderful evening.

The decorations for this year's Prom. were very effective—with a surrey as the central feature and an extravaganza of colored balloons.

Conversation Piece

By Gerald Sandler

"Do you like to write poetry?" he asked. I smiled, was going to laugh, but thought better of it. Knowing that this is a valid question, you answer, "Yes!"

"Was it a thrill to receive such recognition?" Here was a person who was either after a psychological response, or a quite human reaction.

"Let me say that it was a shock!" I was serious.

"I've written scores of poems and never thought to impose my verses upon anyone. Sending the poem was one form of ego working—special note to psychologists!

"May I hear the poem?" he asked. I saw that he too was quite serious, so I took the much worn paper out of my inside coat pocket and read:

"A SEASON ABOUT US"

I see another autumn passing,
Each second fleeting by the way;
Each leaf that dies in agony—
Its fury fills my every day.
The coloration of a dawn;
Warmth—a song of sweetened note;
I watch another cycle turning,
Mingled—life and death about me float.
Their gyrations fill my hours,
Fill my being with an awe,
Cause the thoughts in my mind
To search about the mortal core.
But, answers there are not abundant
And my heart must rest upon—
The thoughts of—summers, winters, springs,
Autumns, that are forever gone.

. . . so there it is. I replaced the paper, and we two walked out of the room, leaving behind chairs, desks, and two or three poetic phrases, which had yet to drift out the open window.

Orchids To . . . .

Mrs. Wallace on her recent marriage. . . .

The Senior Elementaries for their vivid geography map. . . .

The Junior Class for a terrific prom, and to Mary Mahan, Queen of the Junior Prom. . . .

Carol Hoey and Patricia Sullivan for their successful novice debating. . . .

Dick Clifford for his wonderful representation of the College....

Miss O'Donnell and her Dramatic Club for maintaining such high standards of performance. . . .

The Junior Elementaries for fine substituting, and the Seniors for a grand job at the Art Museum. . . .

"THE BEST AND ONLY REAL REWARD FOR WRITING"

Last week Miss Barlow and her Contemporary Literature classes received a pleasant surprise in the form of a *letter* from the noted novelist, John Hersey, author of contemporary works: "The Wall", "Hiroshima", "Men on Bataan", "Bell For Adano". As we know, Hersey specializes in war stories, written in such a convincing way that it is difficult to tell whether the facts are true or merely fictional.

It all started in a rather curious fashion. Last year there was a discussion in the Contemporary Literature class as to whether "Hiroshima" should be regarded as fiction or Non-fiction. One of the girls in the class, Katherine Burns, became so interested in the matter that she took the trouble of writing and asking Mr. Hersey himself to settle the argument—is "Hiroshima" true or is it not?

A few weeks later, Miss Burns received an answer from Mr. Hersey stating that every incident in "Hiroshima" actually happened to the five people who were the characters in it. That settled the controversy for all time, and also apparently ended the correspondence.

Recently, however, Miss Burns wrote to Mr. Hersey telling him of the use to which Miss Barlow put his note. The result was the following letter:

TURKEY HILL ROAD GREENS FARMS, CONNECTICUT

December 4, 1951

Dear Miss Barlow:

Miss Burns, with whom I exchanged letters last year about the genesis of *Hiroshima*, has written telling me of the use you have made of my note to her, and I just wanted to let you know that I was flattered to learn that I have moved into the classroom in that way. The question she posed was an interesting one, because, I believe, fiction and non-fiction have grown closer together in recent years—fiction leaning upon the almost incredible realities of the years we live through, and non-fiction borrowing from the techniques of fiction in order to communicate human problems to human beings who read. At any rate, I just wanted to thank you for the interest in some of my writing that Miss Burns reported to me: that is the best and only real reward for writing.

Sincerely yours,
John Hersey

A. C. E.

Four seniors attended the conference at Wheelock College on November 16th. They were: Theresa Burke, Pat Palmer, Virginia Harpell, and Mary Lou Cheney. Dr. Howard Stone spoke, and workshops were set up. Seventy members of our own A.C.E. have joined the A.C.E.I.

"Father of the Bride" A Sensation

By Dorothy Doon

John McGrail, Mary Jane Harvey Star

The Dramatic Club's presentation of the "Father of the Bride" was a magnificent illustration of the talent and the enthusiasm that we have at S.T.C. Everyone who saw the play will agree that the performance was splendid. Every member of the cast deserves the fullest degree of credit; giving special praise to Miss O'Donnell, who directed the play.

John McGrail must be highly commended for his acting ability in his presentation, as the father who couldn't quite understand that his lovely daughter was old enough to marry. Mary Jane Harvey was perfectly cast for her part as the young and beautiful bride. Joan Casey gave a touch of warmth and of motherly understanding to the role of Mrs. Banks, mother of the bride. Philip Ware showed himself very favorably as a typical bridegroom. Much credit must be given also to Theresa Babbidge and Jane Grady who gave the audience a good laugh. They will be long remembered. We must not forget our very young performer William Riordan, who stole the show, playing the part of Tommy Banks, the bride's little brother. Richard Dymek and Phyllis O'Connell made a charming couple as Ben Banks and Peggy Swift, respectively. The other members of the cast, including Joan Wall as Delilah; Irene Butkiewicz as Mrs. Pulitski; John Kinkle as Buzz Taylor; Robert Shemeligian as Pete; Milton Grace as Joe; James Sheehan as Red; and Setrag Setragian as Tim's Man all did splendid work and helped to make the show a perfect performance.

An Answer

By Irene J. Butkiewicus

As I sat there, watching the flames light a shadowed pattern on the rug, the outline of the fireplace itself appeared symbolic of the various paths of life. We all form a pattern, wilfully or otherwise—a pattern of living. Each separation in the finely knit, red, brick structure seemed to mark a momentous event; each phase of life entwined securely with every other, making a patchwork of intricate and concealed design—a design far beyond the use of reason and human plan.

Suddenly a mysterious darkness clouded the fireplace, and I could visualize a typical setting; a classroom containing approximately thirty seats, blackboards filled with explanations, assignments, and seatwork; a library corner, a display of a Western Frontier. How symbolic the frontier seemed to me at this time! A horizon of the past, although still a memorable part of our history, had long since faded into the dusk as all horizons do before a new day dawns. I wondered just how many frontiers would have to be cleared of devastation and ignorance in this particular room? How many horizons would have threads of grey, running through the multi-colored pastels of evening, only to bring forth the rose and gold of a brighter morning. These horizons now alluded to, would be sensitive, unique, and deal with reality; they would someday defend and form a new era.

Moving closer to the fireplace, the glowing red flamed more clearly, and a yellow light appeared at the center. In this shining circle, I saw my classmates as they experienced their first day of teaching, as they discovered the almost magical qualities of the children who sat before them.

I looked in at story hour, at Andover Street School, and felt the spell which only a story can give. At its completion, one of the pupils walked uo to the desk to ask, "Do you have any teeth out?" "I thought so; I could tell when you were reading."

The scene changes to another room. We see a spelling test in progress. "No! Don't take the word quiet. That's a command, not a Spelling word."

It seems that some of our younger generation have already begun practice for their life-long careers as acrobats. They displayed their skill with the adeptness of professionals, as they swung from window sill to window sill.

As the light dimmed, and the flickering blue replaced the red and gold of before, a head appeared, with eyes illumined with delight and gratitude. Reminiscing over the many pictures, only the last remained, for there was the gleam of hope which makes teaching the compensating career it is.

Play Day

6:00 - 6:30 - 7:00 o'clock. At last it was seven o'clock, and we were on our way to what turned out to be a very active day; *we* being Miss Stafford, Barbara Bucca and Pat Herbst of the Senior class; Joan Bryson and Dorothy Ghiz of the Juniors; and Janice Dalbek of the Freshmen. Destination—North Adams State Teachers College.

Mountains, mountains, and more mountains—would we ever see level land again? Before we knew it we were entering the building and being greeted by Miss Western, director of physical education, and by members of the college. What a warm and hearty welcome it was!

The first thing we did was to register, each of us receiving a name card. Some of the girls then showed us through the building. Later we gathered in the living room, where we were introduced to the president of the college, Mr. Bowen, and other visiting representatives. The other college representatives came from Albany, New York, and Connecticut.

We were then divided into teams: White Mountains, Green Mountains, Mohawks, and Taconics. Barbara Bucca was on the Taconics team; Pat Herbst on the Green Mountains team; Janice Dalbeck with the Mohawks; Joan Bryson and Dorothy Ghiz on the White Mountains team.

In the morning the Mohawk and Taconic teams played opposite each other, and in the afternoon the White Mountains and the Green Mountains teams played opposite each other.

Barb Bucca and Janice Dalbek played basketball, while Pat Herbst, Joan Bryson, Dotty Ghiz, and a student from North Adams played ping pong and badminton.

Then, it was time to eat, and I do mean eat. The main trend of conversation was telling jokes, singing songs, and exchanging college news.

Lunch being over, we returned to our activities, the White Mountains and Green Mountains teams playing basketball while the others played ping pong and badminton. During the intermission of the game, we were honored by having the distinguished player, Barbara Bucca, join in the game and stay to the finish. Needless to say, she helped the other team win.

As the culmination, everyone played volleyball, the White Mountains and Green Mountains playing opposite the Mohawks and Taconics teams. Again Barbara Bucca was on the winning team. Yes, sir, she's quite a gal and an athlete.

By the time it was ready to leave, we were exhausted and no doubt ready for bed. Not only was it an active day, but, oh, what fun!

Speaker Attends Literary Club Meeting at Old Mill

What is an ideal learning situation? For all those who have sought the answer in their Junior year, and for all those underclass men who have not reached their methods courses, we offer the findings of the Literary Club. We suggest a background of rushing water and a setting of good food, such as we had at the Old Mill in Westminster during our last meeting.

It has been the procedure in the club to hold one evening meeting each month at which time some lecturer or teacher from outside our own college is invited to speak. For this last meeting, we had Father Brennan, Shakespearian Professor at Holy Cross, for our guest. The dinner was opened to the entire student body and all those who went felt it was not only an informative evening but a socially pleasurable one also.

Father Brennan chose "Othello" for his discussion. He began by introducing a new way of utilizing a Shakespearian play rather than for the drama itself, namely for the vocabulary. From his studies, he has become unceasingly amazed at Shakespeare's marvelous command of words. He challenged us to find one phrase that had been repeated twice. Father Brennan's enthusiasm soon transferred itself to the assembled group. Othello and Desdemona became people we knew well and might meet even in our modern age.

The Literary Club owes many thanks to Father Brennan for giving us a true appreciation of the genius of Shakespeare.

An Experiment of Christmas

One of the most interesting Christmas trees we have ever seen is on exhibit in Miss Shaw's room. This unusual tree was secured by the Freshmen. Its ornaments are made from unusual scrap materials, such as walnuts, sea shells, bottle tops, cake cups, wire clips, alphabet macaroni, straws, marshmallows, can tops, and cheerios. Some of the principles involved in this unique experiment are: first, "To be an independent thinker in any field means that you must avoid parrotlike repetition. That, in art, means copying." Secondly, "It is not necessarily the cost of the material that determines the value of the result."—Exploring Art.

Some of the toys on the tree are gay, colorful dolls and ingenious airplanes. These were the handicraft of the Junior Elementaries. The purpose of this gay exhibit is expressed in the following quotation from the Curriculum Guide:

"Expression of ideas and fearless experimentation with materials are more important than concern with techniques and skills."

Mens' Basketball Schedule Announced

Date	Team	Place	Time
Nov.			
19	Alumni	Home	8:00 won
26	Leicester Jr. College	Home J.V.	7.00 won
28	Assumption College	Away J.V.	7:00 lost
Dec.			
7	New Bedford Textile	Home J.V.	7:00
11	Worcester Schl. Bus. Sc.	Home J.V.	7:00
13	Keene Teachers	Home J.V.	7:00
17	Lowell St. Teachers	Home J.V.	7:00
Jan.			
5	Keene Teachers	Away (N.H.) J.V.	7:00
7	Salem St. Teachers	Away J.V.	7:00
14	Worcester Jr.	Home	8:00
18	Lowell Textile	Away J.V.	7:00
19	Becker Jr. College	Away (South Gym)	7:00
25	New Bedford Textile	Away J.V.	7.00
30	Salem St. Teachers	Home J.V.	7:00
Feb.			
7	Assumption College	Home J.V..	7:00
12	Worc. Schl. Bus. Sc.	Away J.V. (our Gym)	7:00
14	Leicester Jr. College	Away J.V. (our Gym)	7:00
16	Fitchburg St. Teachers	Away J.V. (Fitch.)	7:00
29	Worcester Jr. College	Away (Y.M.C.A.	8:00

Lancers Down Leicester Junior College

November 26th saw an unusual situation in basketball circles. Paige Rowden, one of STC's regular starters, was official coach of the opponents. As a result, Rowden played the part of coach, instead of player. The Lancers took the game, however, to the score of 57-38. Lang and Cooney were high scorers.

Thoughts at Christmas

By Rita Fitman

At Christmas time
People seem so different;
They're filled with that vague quality
That's known as Christmas spirit.
The city also seems transformed
With evergreens and lights,
As if a magic wand were waved
To make these wondrous sights.
Even Christmas sounds
Are foreign to our ear—
Ringing of all sorts of bells,
The Carols that we hear.
But with the joy of holiday,
Comes sadness of the heart
For those we love who are not here.
For time that's spent apart.
It marks the ending of a year
The moment to stop and see
What things are now done
And what is yet to be.

The time to reaffirm our faith
Then start the course anew.
And ask our blessed Savior's help
In all that we must do.

Seniors Stage Show Which Is Sell-Out

On Thursday evening, November 20th, the Senior Class staged a show "Senioralities", which performed before a capacity audience. The show was under the direction of James Heuser, who was supported by the following committees: Publicity, Claire Owens and Gene Trainor; Scenery Dorothy Baker and Jeanette Sheckenkov; Properties, Homer Albert; Tickets and Programs, Beverly Cote and Betty Powers; and Refreshments, Phil Black.

A few of the numbers which were warmly received by the audience were: "Greener than Green", a medley of Irish songs and jigs; "Casey at the Bat", a satire on that old poem of the same name; and some of the more popular song hits which were sung by the Tradesmen.

Eileen Basiliere, Paula Hanrahan, and Eleanor Dragonetti supplied the musical background.

Mind if I sit right next to you, Dreamboat?
Just ask me anything you wanna know!
Ah—the course is a "snap"!
MATH
Ten aspirin—one hours sleep! Yeow! I'm a wreck!
Haven't cracked a book all year!
—no use to start now!

Intramural Basketball

Girls' basketball is heading the list of sports activities for the next few months. Intra-mural games will be played both on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The first game was played Tuesday, December 4th, in the school gymnasium, Juniors vs. Seniors. The Senior girls pulled out of the game with a score of 26-20. Helene Brown, Adrena Oghadanian, and Betty Kowal of the Junior class sparked their team into giving the Senior girls a good clean workout. The score at the second half of the game was 21-17, Seniors leading. Rosemary Norton, Irene Brierly, and Barbara Bucca led the girls to victory with the final score of 26-20. Joan Bryson was the high scorer for the afternoon, totaling 14 points.

Le Cercle Francais

The 1951-52 season membership of le Cercle Francais started October 26th with thirty members which include quite a few Freshmen. The President, Stanley Warner extended his greetings for the coming year. Business then followed. After Mlle. McKelligett briefed the group on our adopted god-child, a motion was passed to continue sending packages to Annie in France. Pauline Peters, Eileen Cullinane, and Joan Philbrick were in charge of sending a package before Noël.

Games followed. Janice Dalbek and Kenneth Proffitt had a misunderstanding as to who should deliver a speech—finally each agreed to give a sentence from his speech alternately. The speaking was followed by an acquaintance game and refreshments.

Committees chosen were: L'arbre de Noël and the decorations: M. Kenneth Proffitt, chairman; Mlle. Janice Dalbek, Mlle. Mary Simonelli, Mlle. Dorothy Potter; les rafraichissements: Mlle. Eileen McIntyre, chairman, Mlle. Helen Creeron, Mlle. Frances Callahan, Mlle. Jacqueline Bloomer, Mlle. Anne Marie Cassidy; les cadeaux: Mlle. Claire Owens; la musique: Mlle. Lorraine Plante; Pere Noël: M. Stanley Warner. Clean-up: Mlle. Eileen Cullinane, Mlle. Dolores Moore, Mlle. Patricia Gannon.

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Scholarship Tea May 3

"Big Oaks From Little Acorns Grow" *"The Child Is Father of the Man"*

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SCHOLARSHIP TEA TO BE HELD MAY 3rd

Sophomore Prom

By Dorothy Doon

On Friday, April 18th, the gym at STC will be the scene of one of the most spectacular and enjoyable events of the year. The Sophomore Class under the able direction of Grayce Creedon has thought hard and planned long in order to produce a masterpiece in the art of dance fun. Bill Fanning's Orchestra will keep hearts and feet spinning in the atmosphere of an unusual and dreamy setting.

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the lovely senior queen, Miss Irene Brierly. Her attendants will include Barbara Foley and Mary Lou Cheney, Seniors; Doreen Kelley and Joan Connelly, Juniors; Peggy Carty and Janet Ostergard, Sophomores; and Pat Sullivan and Pat Gannon, Freshmen.

The committees who worked so diligently to make this dance a success were headed by the following members of the Sophomore class: John Keany, decorations; Dorothy Doon, orchestra; Jane Grady, dance orders; Janet Ostergard, publicity; Margaret McMaster, refreshments; and Ann Doyle, general committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shea, Miss Kathryn R. O'Donnell, and Miss Madelin A. Wilmarth will be chaperones.

Congratulations!

Recently elected to the Worcester school system were Dorothy M. Baker, Mary Lou Cheney, Theresa M. Burke, Jean M. Boyce, Eleanor A. Dragonetti, Patricia J. Feeley, Irene E. Foisy, Barbara T. Foley, Rosemary Hanlon, Mary A. McCarthy, Grace W. McNamara, Rosemarie Monahan, Claire M. Owens, Ruth R. Sadick, Patricia M. Donohue, Paula Hanrahan, Rosemary Norton, James Heuser, William Monroe, Vincent Mara, Donald LaRochelle, Sally-Ann McCarthy. Eileen E. Basiliere has signed with the Shrewsbury system, Patricia Palmer with Springfield, and Virginia Harpell with Holden.

Our best wishes go with them to help them follow through successfully their responsibilities and their opportunities and to fulfill the suggestion of the Lebanese poet, Kahlil Gibran: "You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and he bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.

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Massachusetts Intercollegiate Legislature To Meet April 17, 18

The second annual session of the Massachusetts Intercollegiate Legislature will be held on April 17 and 18. The organization is similar in nature to earlier collegiate legislatures in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, but bears no relationship to the model Congress held at Rhode Island State College in Providence, R. I. It differs from the high school Good Government Day in that, since all students are expected to join in committee discussions, no provision is made for Executive Officers.

The purpose of the M.I.L. is to acquaint college students with legislative procedure and to gain a greater insight into the problems confronting our state. It is also designed to give students from the various Massachusetts colleges an opportunity to meet and become acquainted. The bills which are discussed and voted upon are student authored, although many are related to proposed state legislation.

Prior to the actual session, the organization is composed of an Executive Council, the elected officers and Chairmen of Committees on Bills, Rules, and Arrangements who are appointed, and the Executive Committee, which consists of two delegates from each college. The heads of House and Senate Committees, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House are chosen during the week preceding the session by the Executive Council from among those who have submitted their qualifications for these positions. The members of the Executive Committee take Senate seats at the actual legislature; other students. twelve from each school, go into the House. All committee

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Greetings from President Sullivan

I am happy to extend warm personal greetings to our Alumni in this issue of the Acorn.

It is gratifying to see so many of you at our college functions throughout the year. You are always welcome.

Your fine cooperation in supporting the Annual Scholarship Tea is greatly appreciated, for by your loyal response the success of this worthy endeavor is assured.

Our graduate program of studies is progressing well under the expert guidance of Prof. Cornelius S. Donoghue, who is happy to assist you in the preparation of a study program.

I hope that many of you are planning to attend the popular Alumni Military Whist to be held in the College Gymnasium, Wednesday, May 7, and the Alumni Day Luncheon on Saturday, June 7. We shall look forward to enjoying these happy occasions with you.

Eugene A. Sullivan

"Gene's" Honey

Whenever "Gene" Trainor speaks of his "honey," he is not referring to any member of the female sex.

"Gene," a senior at State Teacher's College, owns a Bee farm at 465 Lake Avenue, where he sells honey.

Besides giving honey, the bees are also used to pollinate fruit flowers in Worcester county. They are hired out by Trainor to farmers in the area for this purpose.

Trainor inherited the business from his father, who started it as a hobby in 1935. Now it is a profitable business.

During World War II two products of the bees were used in the war effort. Beeswax was used for the undercoating of the hulls of ships to facilitate movement through the water. The honey was used as a substitute for sugar during rationing.

Other products sold at the Lake Avenue farm include jellies, jams, and all types of honey preserves.

"Gene" is assisted in his enterprise by his mother and brother.

The good education of youth has been esteemed by wise men in all ages as the surest foundation of the happiness both of private families and of commonwealths.

—Benjamin Franklin

Guest of Honor To Be John F. Tinsley

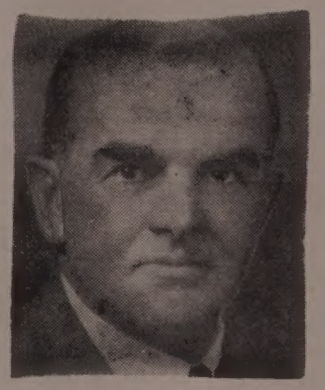
Another Spring has come and with it the time for our Eleventh Annual Scholarship Tea, which is to be held Saturday, May 3.

This year it is our proud privilege to have as guest of honor a well-known and highly-respected industrialist of Worcester, Mr. John F. Tinsley, who is president and general manager of Crompton and Knowles Loom Works.

As an industrialist, Mr. Tinsley is known both nationally and internationally for his efforts to improve industry by scientific research and for his pioneer work along humanitarian lines to improve the education of workmen. His book entitled *New Phases of Industrial Management* is a compilation of lectures given by him at various educational institutions including Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. President Hoover chose him to represent Massachusetts in the President's organization on unemployment relief. Mr. Tinsley has been accorded honors by various industrial groups. To mention a few of his activities, he has served as president of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, president of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers, president of the National Association of Textile Machinery Manufacturers, governor of the National Industrial Conference Board, director of the United States Chamber of Commerce and of the Canada-United States committee of the group, regional director of the National Foreign Trade Council and director of the New England Council.

His other many business connections include directorships in the Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Providence, R. I. and in the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

As a citizen interested in education and in the welfare of youth, he is known not only locally but throughout the country. Mr. Tinsley has served for many years as president of the Board of Trustees of the Worcester Trade High Schools, member of the School Building Assistance Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Havard College Committee to Visit the School of Business Administration, and a life trustee of Rutgers University. He is also a director of the Worcester Children's Friend Society, the Worcester branch of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, vice-president of the Community Chest of Worcester, and a trustee of St. Vincent Hospital.



Our honored guest is the recipient of honorary doctorates from Rutgers University, his Alma Mater, and from Holy Cross College. He is a member of the two honor societies of Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi, and a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London.

European recognition came to our guest in 1929 when King Victor Emmanuel named him Cavalier of the Order of the Crown of Italy. In 1933 he was named Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor and in 1947 elevated to Officier for his splendid work for and understanding of France. He is one of few Americans accorded the honor of Knight in the Sovereign Order of Malta, and Knight Commander of the Order of Mercy.

War activities of Mr. Tinsley in World War II included:

1. Management and Production Service-staff of Lieut. Gen. Somervell, Washington, D. C.
2. Chairman of Massachusetts Industrial Committee for National Defense, appointed by Governor Saltonstall.
3. Graduate in 1941 of the Army Orientation Course, General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
4. Chairman of Civilians of First Naval Manpower Survey Committee, appointed by Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox.

For his war-time service Mr. Tinsley was given a Meritorious Civilian Service award by the United States Navy.

We are happy to honor such an outstanding gentleman whose life is truly characterized by unselfish service and honorable devotion to worthy causes.

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Editorial

This issue of the ACORN will be the last issue for this school semester. The financial quota which was allotted to the ACORN will have been used with the publishing of this issue. It has been a successful year for the ACORN, and the staff has done a splendid job with the money which it received. It is hoped that in the future enough money will be allotted to the paper so that it will be possible to publish an issue a month. Under present rising costs of printing and engraving, the money supplied to the ACORN is insufficient. It permits only three or four issues per year.

One of the highlights which will long be remembered by those who helped publish the paper is the Christmas Issue, which had messages from Bishop John Wright, who represented the Catholic religion; Rabbi Joseph Klein, who represented the Jewish religion; Rev. Walter Donald Kring, who represented the Protestant religion; his Honor, Mayor Andrew B. Holmstrom, who represented the City of Worcester; and President Eugene A. Sullivan, who represented the faculty of Worcester State Teachers College. Another highlight of this semester was our being awarded third place in the contest which was sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The Editor-in-chief would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who helped to publish the ACORN, and to express his personal thanks for the cooperation and assistance given by Mrs. Earl G. Wallace and Miss Kathryn R. O'Donnell.

A Senior's Views on June 8

The four years of college life that seemed such a long time as a Freshman are swiftly making their last impressions on this Senior. Since September of 1948 I have worked, played, studied, and acquired some very fine friends.

When thinking of college life, one cannot help but reminisce about some of the outstanding events that have occurred during these last four years, because these happenings have had no small influence on the shaping of my career and life. What Senior will ever forget the student government of the World-Affairs class as Freshman, the surgical operations on frogs, the very busy schedule of the Sophomore year, the "Junioralities", practice-teaching, "Senioralities", committee reports, teas, plays, and concerts.

This college has given me a liberal background in the arts, and the necessary professional work in education. The methods courses have made it possible for me to enjoy a feeling of "know-how" in the handling of subject matter and in the conveyance of this material to the boys and girls in my charge.

In conclusion I would like to state the most important thing that I have gained in my stay at the Worcester State Teachers College—the attainment of new, interesting, and mutual friendships among the faculty and fellow students. There are many more people than I can attempt to count whom I now number as friends because of my relations with them at this college. All of these factors make this Senior hesitate when hoping for the arrival of June 8; for when that date arrives, the many wonderful things that have happened to me during college life will become only wonderful and lasting memories.

VINCENT J. MARA

THE SCHOLARSHIP TEA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Greetings from Alumni President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Alumni Association extend greetings to the members of the Alumni. It has been our pleasure during the past year to greet many of the members personally at one or more of the events sponsored by the Association.

New members of the Class of 1951 were welcomed to our group by President Eugene A. Sullivan at a reception held at the College Cafeteria on the evening of October 26.

A loyal membership was more than repaid for venturing forth on the stormy night of November 16 to be delightfully entertained by Mrs. Mary A. McAvoy's presentation of book reviews.

A most successful Smoker, under the able direction of Mr. George T. Joseph, on the evening of November 29 presented Mr. Philip O'Connell as guest speaker.

We hope to meet many more of the Alumni at the Annual Military Whist to be held in the College Gymnasium on Wednesday evening, May 7, arranged by Miss Grace M. O'Connor.

High spot of the year's events will be the Alumni Day Luncheon, culminating graduation week activities on Saturday, June 7, in the College Cafeteria. Mrs. Norman Bernier will be in charge of arrangements and an attractive program is planned.

The success of these and future events has been and will be the result of the enthusiastic and interested devotion of the officers and directors who have so ably represented you, and of the response of loyal and active Alumni by their attendance.

ANNE T. MCAULIFFE

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The good teacher requires:

Physical Vitality. I will try to keep my body well and strong.

Mental Vigor. I will study daily to keep my mind active and alert.

Moral Discrimination. I will seek to know the right and to live by it.

Wholesome Personality. I will cultivate in myself goodwill, friendliness, poise, upright bearing, and careful speech.

Helpfulness. I will learn the art of helping others by doing helpful things daily in school and home.

Knowledge. I will fill my mind with worthy thoughts by observing the beautiful world around me, by reading the best books, and by association with the best companions.

Leadership. I will make my influence count on the side of right, avoiding habits that weaken and destroy.

These Things Will I Do Now that I May Be Worthy the High Office of Teacher

A Hope for the Future

BY IRENE J. BUTKIEWICUS

Mary Ellen was only four and at this point was as full of curiosity as any little child could be. It was a perfect day, she thought. She could see the whirling, minute snowflakes as they formed a misty pattern slowly falling to the ground, only to disappear. Mother had told her just this morning that this was the last snowfall. In fact, Mother had been very surprised when it did snow so late in the season. But Mary Ellen didn't mind, since this meant when she went home she would be able to slide this afternoon.

Turning from the window Mary Ellen rubbed the skin on her nose. It burned, the child thought. Then Mary Ellen looked at her new coat and carefully caressed the sleeve. Mother had said this was a very special occasion, and she had to stay spic-and-span. I wonder what the college looks like? Mother says Daddy spent a lot of time there before he joined the Navy. As Mary Ellen pondered over these thoughts, she could remember the many books Daddy would bring home. Of course, they had had a dual role in the Banner household. Sometime Daddy read them, but what Mary Ellen remembered most was being able to sit on these very same copies that made her as tall as Daddy or Mommy when she sat at the table.

"Well, here we are!" Mother said as she lifted Mary Ellen from the bus. Mary Ellen soon found herself seated in the front row of a very large room. People were sitting on the stage, and some others were sitting behind her. Now a man came forward to speak. Mary Ellen wasn't too interested. She liked the large windows and could watch the snow flutter past. As the man continued to speak, she could hear a few of the words such as: "Korea . . . the orphaned children of those students who have given their lives in this great sacrifice . . . those who have completed their study and will never live to see such seeds of knowledge bear fruit." The man talked on and on; finally he sat down. Mary Ellen was glad; she wanted to go home and slide. Then Mother took Mary Ellen's hand and led her to the stage. Mary Ellen walked across the stage, and the kind man who had just spoken handed her something he called a sheepskin. She thought she could hear him say, "For your father, dear." Everybody applauded. Mary Ellen walked back to Mother, but she was thinking, "Gee! I didn't know that man knew Daddy. I wish he were here." "Mom," Mary Ellen asked, "when will Daddy be home?"

Sophomore Chatter

Want to know about the A-bomb? Ask "Red" Kane. He's quite an expert on the subject a certain sporting goods dealer tells me. . . . I've never gone into the Warner without bumping into "Bud" Buskey of last year's F1 class. He's quite a VIP at W.S.B.S., I hear, President of his class and chairman of all their affairs. . . . Another of our former classmates has been quite successful. Remember "Shad" Dempsey? The last time he was seen, he was driving his own 1951 bright red Ford convertible. . . . "Terrible Tom" Gibbons, King of the Kids, threatens Joe Scannell every day with impeachment. . . . Tell us how you were dropped out the window every afternoon at Assumption, "Beau". . . . I really don't know who rules Framingham, Eddie Pilote or Art "Never" Chaves. . . . Who is it that wears "Mickey Mouse" shoes? . . . . "Butcher" Barry plans to attend the American Butcher's Conference representing a local meat market this May. . . . Fed "Actually" Cary helped his father's business along the other day by dropping a whole case of bottled starch. . . . How many know that "Beau" Beauregard is quite a musician? He plays the saxophone, trombone, and piano besides singing in his church choir and the school's glee club. He's trying out the school organ now. . . . Speaking of musicians, Peg Carty, of the Doyle-Carty twosome, is said to play the trumpet like another Harry James. . . . There's no doubt that "Red" Kane is seen at the Newman House more than any other Sophomore. . . . Cary, Dymek, and Barry are collaborating on a book of poetry. . . . "Mintz" also informs us that he has only three chapters to finish on a book he is writing. . . . When you see Mary Celona with a bottle of ink, stand back! . . . "Clint" Boutwell seems to be chiefly interested in politics. . . . "Babe" Adamian writes to Rod Barry that the Coast Guard is pretty tough, but he likes it. . . .How were Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, Grayce and Ginny? . . . Grayce Creedon plans to make the Sophomore Prom the best of the year, and it will be! Well, girls, remember it's leap year! Make the most of it!

In Memoriam

ELIZABETH M. SHEA

Her life of varied activity showed an interesting personality rich in mind and experience, and her untiring work produced constantly effective results. The example of her eager service to the cause of Education will long be remembered.

WELCOME TO S.T.C.

Five new faculty members were appointed recently to our college. We are happy to welcome them and wish them much success in their new work. They are Miss Rita M. Morris, Mr. Cornelius S. Donoghue, Mr. John E. Sullivan, Mr. John Mockler, and Mr. John F. Eager.

MISS RITA M. MORRIS

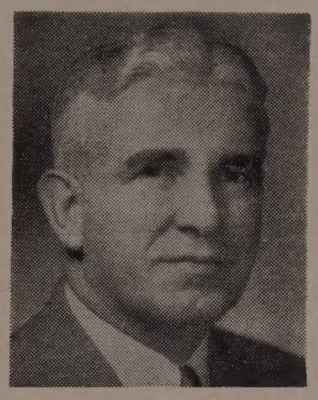
Miss Morris, who teaches Social Science and is assistant librarian, has had nine years of teaching experience in the junior and senior high schools of her native Boston, at Stoneham High School, Boston Teachers College, and at the State Teachers College in Farmington, Maine. Professor Morris is the new adviser of the Debating Society at S.T.C.

PROF. CORNELIUS S. DONOGHUE

Professor Cornelius S. Donoghue is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Psychology and Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Study. In 1925 Professor Donoghue joined the faculty of his Alma Mater, Holy Cross College, where he remained until he was appointed to the Fitchburg STC in 1937, when the program of graduate study was inaugurated in three of the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges. He was Associate Professor in Education and Social Studies as well as Chairman of its Committee of Graduate Study prior to his assignment to Worcester STC.

Professor Donoghue completed in February a semester of sabbatical study at Clark University from which institution he received the Master of Arts degree. In addition, graduate work at Boston University has claimed his time and interest. Professor Donoghue issued the following statement to students and alumni: "I am delighted, in this edition of the ACORN, to extend to the alumni and the student body my personal and professional 'Hello'. I am happy to be included among the men and women, leaders in our profession, who have achieved, with you, the high reputation which our college has attained among the Teacher Training Institutions in our Commonwealth and Nation. I trust that I shall earn your esteem and good will, and that, in time, you will admit me into your company of achievers.

"I do invite our graduates to take advantage of our Master of Education program, and to call to the attention of their colleagues the opportunities which we extend to all teachers to qualify for advancement in our chosen profession."

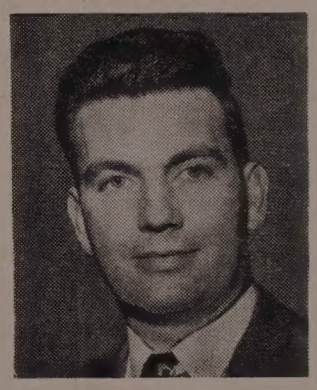


PROF. JOHN E. SULLIVAN

Professor John E. Sullivan comes to STC from Revere High School, where for twenty-five years he was instructor in English, coach of debating, and director of the yearbook. He is the author of two textbooks. Professor Sullivan, who will be concerned with Secondary Education at STC, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College, and a Master of Education degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he majored in Educational Administration and is now a doctorate candidate. During World War II Professor Sullivan served as a commander in the U. S. Navy and spent four years in the Pacific Ocean area. He is active at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Squantum and is attached to Air Wing Staff 91 as Command Liaison Officer.

MR. JOHN P. MOCKLER

Professor Mockler, our newest faculty member, comes to us from the New York school system in which he was a teacher of science and physical education. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Columbia University. During World War II he served with the Marine Corps. Mr. Mockler is instructor of physical education and physical science at STC.



MR. JOHN F. EAGER

For the past three years Mr. John F. Eager has been the part-time basketball and baseball coach at our college. We are happy that he is now a regular member of the college staff. Mr. Eager received his Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola College and his Master of Education degree from our college. For five years he was head of the science department at Mission High in Roxbury and its athletic director. For the past three years he has been science teacher at Leicester High School. A member of the National Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Mr. Eager brings much successful experience along with him. We'll expect wonderful results from our teams under his expert tutelage!

Clark Debaters Bow Twice to S.T.C. Team

"To the victor belongs the spoils," was once said by a great American,—and so it is with pardonable pride that the Worcester State Teachers College Debating Society announces its second victory over the Clark University varsity team. On Thursday evening, March 27th, Richard Clifford and James Leland argued the negative position of the national collegiate question: Resolved, that the Federal Government Should Enact a Permanent Program of Wage and Price Controls.

Within the near future three other members of the society, Eugene Trainor, Mary Simonelli, and Irene Butkiewicz, will participate in debates which have been scheduled with Salem Teachers College, Emmanuel, Our Lady of the Elms, and M. I. T., and with, we hope, the same success.

In addition to planning several debates in the next month, the Club is looking forward to taking an active part, together with other students of the college, in the Intercollegiate Student Legislature which is meeting at Harvard in April.

Miss Morris is faculty adviser of the S. T. C. debaters.

"GED" Tests

On April 16 and 17, 1952 the freshman class will participate in a test construction project by serving as a validation group for a new battery of the General Educational Development (popularly known as the "GED") tests. These tests will be used by the United States armed forces for the educational evaluation of service men and women.

To insure a wide range of student performance on the tests, several colleges and universities are cooperating in the validation program under the direction of the University of Chicago. Each participating student is required to take the criterion test and the equivalent new test. After the results have been scored and the national norms and other statistical data computed, the results will be made available to the faculty and the participating students.

Excerpts from the Diary of a Freshman

BY KATHLEEN KANE

Wednesday, March 26, 1952
DEAR DIARY:

This morning my dream came true. On this typical Spring day I boarded the New York train, with Miss Shaw and Dr. Winslow for the Convention of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers. After an enjoyable ride through scenic New England we arrived at our destination, at one o'clock. From the station we went directly to the Hotel New Yorker. After making arrangements for our rooms, we joined the four other Worcester delegates and began our tour of the fabulous city. Our first stop was at the impressive Museum of Modern Art. From here we proceeded to the famous Radio City Music Hall. The splendor of this magnificent structure could never be exaggerated. After a most enjoyable show we decided that Greenwich Village should be our next stop. We ate a delicious dinner at the quaint Jumble Shop, following which we made a tour of the notorious village. We returned here to the hotel tired but pleased with the day's events.

Thursday, March 27, 1952
DEAR DIARY:

I awoke this morning quite rested after a comfortable night's sleep in this pleasant room. After a hurried breakfast at the Automat, we continued our tour of the museums. Our visits included a view of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a journey to Mercury through the realistic impressions created by the ingenious displays at the Planetarium, and the spectacular exhibitions at the Museum of Natural History. Early this evening we went to New York University where all the delegates to the convention assembled for a buffet supper. From here fourteen of us made an excursion of the big city. It is now three in the morning, dear Diary, and so I shall put you aside until tomorrow night.

Friday, March 28, 1952
DEAR DIARY:

Preferring to start my part in the convention by attending church, I arose early and attended a morning service. The meetings started with an inspiring invocation by Dr. Leslie Hill, followed by the address "Teachers for Freedom." Following this, the student delegates formed informal groups to discuss teacher education programs. The boys and I ate dinner at another famous New York eating spot, Paddy's Clam House. The afternoon was spent at combined student-faculty discussion groups. That evening the seriousness of the day's discussions was offset by the viewing of the hilarious Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis show, "Sailor Beware". So far the conference has been a complete success. I hope tomorrow will prove as interesting.

Saturday, March 29, 1952
DEAR DIARY:

Today began with breakfast in the charming Terrace Tea Room of the hotel. At 9:30 A.M. the delegates assembled for a symposium on "The Responsibility of Education in International Relations." Then followed a delightful program of music. The convention ended with an address by President Charles Johnson of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. The dream made possible by my classmates and made complete by my fellow delegates and our chaperones has indeed, dear Diary, been a most beautiful and unforgettable one.

Sophomore Laureate

EARLY SPRING

I dreamed last night that it was Spring again.
The apple tree was gaunt, yet decked with blooms,
And, hurrying from out the dusky glen,
The breezes came, and wandered through my rooms.
Out on the tree, a homely little bird
Was outlined, with his branch, against the sky,
And as the day's last light came down, I heard
His song combine with evening's soundless cry.

My joy was short, for, as the darkness fell,
The snow came lightly, falling with a sound
Like muted strings. The Winter cast its spell.
I saw the blossoms wither on the ground.

I doubt what joy my future dreams will bring
With no more birds and blossoms, no more Spring.

ROD BARRY

The Class of '51

The class of '51 will always seem a part of W.S.T.C. even though they are widely scattered and enjoying many types of activity. With fond pride, the ACORN reports some of their achievements.

One of the most interesting positions is held by Amelda Burlingame. She is fortunate to be the youngest curator of a Natural History Museum in the U. S. This museum is in Miami, Florida, but we are reminded that Amelda is a Worcester girl when we read her nature column in the Worcester Evening *Gazette*. Rooming with Amelda and teaching at the Gesu Parochial School, Miami, is Helene Manning. Helene is doing graduate work at the University of Miami.

We are reminded of the constant threats to peace and security by the recent graduates in service. Robert Andreotti has returned to the U. S. Army to teach mathematics to new recruits. Andrew O'Connell is also in the U. S. Army and Alfred Koki is with the Mass. National Guard at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Graduate study has claimed some of the Class of '51's best students. Victor Hagar is studying for his M.A. at Clark University. Raymond Strickland is a graduate student at University of Mass., and Harry Howard is also at the University of Mass. with a Fellowship.

Wedding bells have rung for Judith Albaum, Virginia Bees, Charles Burack, William Lemoine, John Hogan, and Anthony Shooshan. The engagements of Myrle Leamy and Barbara Sheldon have been announced. Mrs. Rosalind Carpenter is now the mother of two children and Ernest Darche is proud father of a baby girl.

Richard Herbst, president of the Class of '51, is graduate assistant to Dr. Wylie, director of Physical Education at B. U. Dick is in charge of intermural and co-ed recreation programs. Also at B. U. is Ernestine Hugo, who is in charge of Interlibrary Loan Service in the School of Education Library under Miss Tolman, Head Librarian and former librarian at W.S.T.C. Shirley Clapp rooms with Ernestine and is librarian at Baker School, Brookline, Mass.

The majority of our recent graduates are teaching in the elementary and secondary schools of New England. This service given willingly and cheerfully cannot be over-estimated. In Worcester Frank Biscardi and Ruth McTighe are teaching at the Columbus Park School, Leo Bohigian at the Belmont School, Julia Brosnihan at the Thomas Street School, Russell Carroll at the Adams Square School, Jane Forsey at the Roosevelt School, Theodore Guertin at the Elizabeth Street School, John Hanlon at the Bloomingdale School, and John Hogan at the Nelson Place School. Also teaching in Worcester are John Simpson, Mildred Tierney, William Lemoine, Donald Howard, Cecilia Daly, Ernest Darche, Lilian Cederlund, Katherine Burns, and George Joseph.

Outside of Worcester, there are many positions held by the able members of the Class of '51. In the cities and towns of Mass., we find Jane Beringer, Gloria Crosby ,Cecilia Houle, Emily Koskinas, Frank Quitadamo, and Edna Skyton in Whitinsville, Shirley Dodge, Myrle Leamy, Barbara Sheldon, Marion Lund, Shirley Makela, James Nugent, and Anne Sullivan in Auburn, Yolande Arsenault in Southbridge, Mrs. Virginia (Bees) in Ashland, Raymond Bogosian in Westminster, Margaret Burke in Grafton, George Dahlquist in Brookfield, Patricia Dalton, Elinor Lynch in Marlboro, Thomas Derry in Upton, Hazel Drapeau and Wilfred Martel in Cherry Valley, George Flanagan in Springfield, Katherine Kelleher and Marguerite Looney in Shrewsbury, Frances Murray in Hopedale, Norman Najemy in Pittsfield, Martha Nason in Baldwinsville, Rita Powers in Amherst, Regina Shuber in Milford, Edwin Titus in Quincy, Marjorie O'Malley, Mary Burke, and Mary Moran in Clinton. In Connecticut, we find Evallee Aaron in Hartford and Carl Nimtz in Reading.

Air Raid Precautions Set-up at S.T.C.

Have you noticed the new signs decorating the corridors? The signs are in the shape of an arrow, and read "Shelter". The shelter at W.S.T.C. is the corridor which is located on the ground floor, between the cafeteria, and the locker rooms. The reason this corridor was chosen is because it has the least amount of glass surrounding it. Re-enforced concrete is another requisite for a shelter.

The head men at S.T.C. who are in charge of the set-up are Mr. Francis Jones, and Mr. Edmund Osborne, co-chaimen. Their official titles are: Mr. Jones, "Fire-chief"; and Mr. Osborne, "Chief-warden". Mr. Boutwell is the "Engineering chief."

Students who have been appointed firemen and who will handle the hoses and extinguishers in the event of an emergency are: Seniors—Robert Barros, Francis Kelliher, John McGinn, Robert Mullins, William Pingeton.

The Juniors are: Walter Burokas, Michael Pagano, Robert Spayne, Robert Wilson.

The Sophomores are: Rod Barry, Arthur Chaves, Robert Hill, Leonard Farrey, Paige Rowden, Joseph Scannell.

The Freshmen are: Neil Daly, Chris Dionis, John Finlay, Thomas Friend, Robert Raymond, Richard Murphy, David Twiss, John Wasner.

Baseball Reviews

BY BOB SULLIVAN

Now that the major league baseball teams have made their annual journey to the balmy Southlands, the sports spotlight at W.S.T.C. shifts from the basketball court to the baseball diamond.

During April, Coach Jack Eager expects to greet twelve returning lettermen from last year's squad, to form the nucleus of this season's "Fly-Chasers." They include:

Catchers: Franny Gunville and James McSherry; Pitcher: Dick Dymek; Infielders: Art Chaves, Stan Wolocz, Bob Mullins, Tom Cotter, Bob Sullivan, and Jake Warner; Outfielders: Paul Fidrych, Ed Cooney, Bill Cotter, and Fred Cary.

Last season the Lancers compiled an enviable record of eleven wins against but three defeats ending the season with an upset three to two win over Fitchburg, thus avenging an early season defeat.

Since baseball was inaugurated at S.T.C. three years ago, the diamond demons have built up an impressive record of 26 and 8. The graduation of such old stalwarts as Tony Shooshan, Red Carroll, Vic Hagar, and Ed Titus have left vacancies in the Lancer lineup that must be filled this season. Coach Eager hopes that the Freshman class will yield not only some heavy hitters, but one or two starting pitchers which are so necessary for a successful season.

One bright spot on the horizon, however, is the return of Jake Warner to school. Jake held rown the "hot corner" post for the Lancers in 1950 batting a lusty 357 and fielding flawlessly throughout the whole season. Jake, Tom Cotter, and Bob Sullivan are the remaining veterans from the first Lancer baseball squad of 1949.

Last year the Lancer big guns paced by Red Carroll, Tony Shooshan, Art Chaves, and Paul Fidrych averaged an incredible 11.6 runs per game for fourteen games. Red Carroll led the home run parade with six, followed by little Artie Chaves with three, and Tony Shooshan connected for two four-baggers.

The '52 Lancers are looking forward to another successful baseball season. Let's all support our baseball team by attending all home games this season!

Alumni Greetings

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Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; for even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable."

"Almost all our faults are more pardonable than the methods we think up to hide them."

—*La Rochefoucauld*

"Debonair Dan"

The common in Worcester is a dedicated burial ground for deceased early patriots. It is also the "summer home" of "Debonair Dan," a fellow who makes his living by not working. "Debonair Dan" is a gentleman bum. What is a gentleman bum? Well, Dan is a fellow of immaculate dress, well groomed hair and a beguiling smile framed in a clean shaven face. He is of excellent health and impressive stature. His wit without sting flowing in captivating tones lightens the burdened heart. His magnetic personality destroys all social barriers, while his glistening shoes convey him on his self-appointed missions of good will.

"This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to to any man.
Farewell: my season this in thee!"

A pleasant stroll was interrupted by these words of eternal wisdom. Who was their inspired exponent? Who among these vagrant numbers was so affluent in the Shakesperian dialect? Curiosity impelled me to seek their source. My search was culminated in the observation of the approaching, affable gentleman. "You have sharp ears, my son," spoke the orator.
I quipped, "A familiar philosophy, sir."

"Shakespeare spoke of and to the universe," retorted my new found friend! I succumbed to my verbal defeat.

As the days passed on, my visits grew in length and number. I was enraptured by his heightened sensitivity to the promises of life. I marveled at this man's dexterity in simplifying the complexities of existence. And then I wondered—I wondered why a man of such profound capacity and sensitivity should have relegated himself to the ignominy of "bumming".

What a paradox! How was it possible that this man possessed all the culture and esthetic sense commonly attributed to men of high station? I quizzed him on it. He was evasive. Somewhere in the past he had realized the meaning of defeat. He had sealed the log of memories. The seal remained unbroken. I respected the privilege of his secret and sought no deeper. Dan's entertaining frivolity coupled with his spiritual perception inspired one to new found heights of contentment. I asked no more.

I have indulged in private reflection many times since. In spite of Dan's wayward indolence and fondness for liquor, I find an admiration for the man. What by most social standards should be repulsive, I find attractive. The very charm of his manner dispelled whatever aversion I might have had for the man. He had forsaken all the pleasantries of social amenities and yet there was a purpose in it. His very aversions made him more spellbinding. Dan had somewhere, in some way, felt the pangs of dismay; but he bore the burden himself—he cast its shadow on no one else.

I respected his judgment; his stories piquant and colorful were unlimited. His philosophy was profound. Had he accepted society, he would surely have enriched it. He did enrich my store of knowledge. He certainly had done society no harm.

As Milton said, "He also serves who only stands and waits." I am sure that he had a vision of such a man as Dan.

When winter comes to a close and the warmth of spring envelops the community, I'll look forward to my greeting with him. "Welcome home, my nomadic friend!" "Welcome, Debonair Dan, what's new?"

JOHN M. REYNOLDS

Reporter Raves About . . .

The Senior Girls' basketball victories over Fitchburg.
The fine work done by "Vinnie" Mara at the Museum of Natural History.
The intra-murals in softball—an excellent idea.
The stupendous art exhibits of the Junior Secondaries.
The Sophomores for winning the basketball tournament. Consolations to the Juniors!
The Freshman Prom—one of the most successful ever held at STC.
The fine showing by STC students on the National Teachers Exams held Feb. 16th at STC.
The election of President Sullivan as chairman of the Armed Forces Day committee.
The useful urn earned by the Newmanites.
The fine bursts of color in chapel due to the thoughtful Building and Grounds committee.
The early completion of Yearbook material by the Seniors.
The excellent assemblies provided for us by the Assembly committee.
The recent Juniors who made Kappa Delta Pi.

Intercollegiate Legislature

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sessions are supervised by a former legislator.

Last year, eighteen colleges sent representatives to the session at Smith College. A larger representation is expected this year. The ultimate goal of the organization is to have the legislative session held in the Capitol at Boston. A bill which would have given these chambers to the students was defeated by one vote in the Senate. Tentative speakers at the legislature include Dr. Conant, President of Harvard, U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and State Senator Sumner Whittier, who sponsored the proposed legislation to procure the State House.